

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 37-51 and 63-73 are now pending in the application for further prosecution. No claims have been amended. New claims 63-73 have been added.

Claims 37-51 were previously allowed following a Decision on Appeal dated August 8, 2007.

As requested by Examiner Rada in the brief phone call on March 11, 2008 explaining the reasons for the newly added claims, the Applicants provide the following explanation regarding the relatedness between new claims 63-73 and former claims 52-62.

New Claims 63-73 Correspond to Former Claims 52-62, in an Amended Form

Because the Board maintained the rejections of former claims 52-62, former claims 52-62 were previously canceled after the Decision on Appeal to expedite the Notice of Allowance. Considering that an RCE was then filed for consideration of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement after receiving the Notice of Allowance, the Applicants now desire to add the subject matter of cancelled claims 52-62 back into the case in an amended form that takes into account the statements of the Board related to the patentability of the subject matter.

Specifically, in the Decision on the Appeal, the rejection of claims 52-62 was maintained because the Board noted that, unlike allowable claim 39, claims 52-62 did not include the claim element related to the relaying outcome data through a gaming site, noting that “Wiltshire does not teach that the website was in communication with a gaming server for collecting outcome data from gaming machines located inside a gaming establishment.” Decision, p. 11. New independent claims 63 and 73 (corresponding to former independent claims 52 and 62) have been amended to require the collection of outcome data at the gaming server. Thus, they are believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Applicants also note that, while new dependent claims 64-72 generally correspond to former dependent claims 53-61, new dependent claims 64-72 have been slightly amended for clarity purposes that should not affect their patentability.

Conclusion

It is the Applicants' belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and action towards that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated. It is believed that no fees are presently due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Nixon Peabody Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247079-00077USPT.

Respectfully submitted,

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